

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated December 12, 2006, claims 16-18 were allowed and claim 9 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

All of the rejected claims (i.e., claims 1, 3-5, 7-8, and 13-15) have been canceled. Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form by incorporating all limitations of claim 7 into claim 9.

Therefore, the only remaining claims in this application are claims 9 and 16-18, which have been held allowable. Applicant therefore requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

CONCLUSIONS

Any dependent claims not specifically discussed above depend, either directly or indirectly, from the independent claims discussed above and therefore are patentable for at least the same reason(s).

If the Examiner wishes to discuss this Response, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the phone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for extension of time is otherwise absent, applicant hereby requests any extension of time. Please charge any fees or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 50/1797.

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